

Transporting Animals into California

Livestock and other animals entering California must meet certain criteria and test requirements prior to entry. These requirements help prevent the introduction or spread of disease into California.

Documents

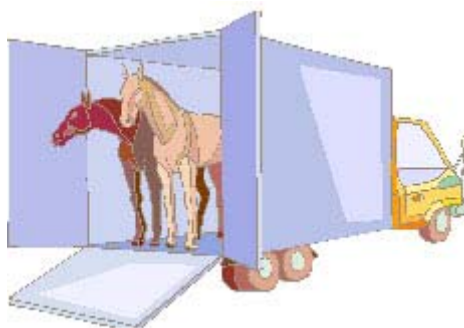
The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) may require some of the following documents to transport livestock into the state:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) - A document issued from the state of origin by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) accredited veterinarian. Certificates are valid for 30 days from the day the animal is inspected.

Entry Permit - A permit obtained prior to shipping animals into California. It is valid for 15 days from date of issuance. Permits may be obtained by calling (916) 651-6278.

Brand Inspection Certificate - A certificate issued by a brand inspector from the state of origin certifying ownership of cattle, horses, and sheep. A **bill of sale and truck invoice** will be required in lieu of a brand certificate if the state of origin does not have a brand inspection program.

Bill of Sale or Consignment - A form completed by the owner or agent that includes origin, destination and ownership of the livestock.



General Requirements

Please contact CDFA for more detailed information before moving the animals listed or check our website at www.cdfa.gov/ahfss/ah/permits:

Cattle and Bison: An entry permit, health certificate, individual identification and testing for brucellosis, tuberculosis and trichomonosis may be required.

Horses, mules, donkeys, zebras: A health certificate and proof of a negative equine infectious anemia test (Coggins or ELISA) within 6 months of entry are required.

Domestic Sheep and Goats: An entry permit, health certificate, official identification and a scrapie statement are required for all breeding, feeder and exhibition animals. Brucellosis testing is required for rams over 6 months of age.

Swine: An entry permit, health certificate, individual identification and testing for brucellosis and pseudorabies may be required. An health certificate and an entry permit may be required.

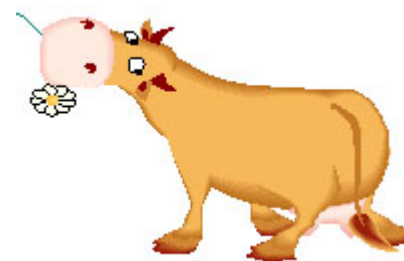
Commercial Poultry: A National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) pullorum-typhoid clean rating or state approved equivalent is required. A Health Certificate and an Entry Permit may be required.

The following animals have no requirements if free of contagious diseases. However, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is recommended:

- Llamas, alpacas, camels, vicunas;
- Domestic rabbits.

These requirements are for animals regulated by CDFA. Other animals may be regulated by the CA Department of Fish and Game, CA Department of Health Services, or federal agencies.

Regulations may change and additional requirements may be initiated during a disease outbreak.



Livestock Moving Through California

These animals must meet the requirements of their final destination. If unloaded in California, animals may be required to meet California's entry requirements.

Additional formats available upon request

Cats and Dogs

Rabies vaccination requirements for cats and dogs are regulated by the CA Department of Health Services at (916) 552-9740. **If entering by airplane**, check with the airline for additional requirements.

Domestic Cats: Must be free of contagious diseases.

Dogs: All dogs over 4 months old must have a certificate of current rabies vaccination stating the type, manufacturer lot number of the rabies vaccine used, and the date of administration.

Wildlife

Movement of wild birds and other wild animals is regulated by CA Department of Fish and Game at (916) 928-5845 and CA Department of Public Health at (916) 552-9740. Contact them for more specific information.

Moving Animals Within U.S.

Before transporting an animal to another state, contact the State Veterinarians' office in the state of destination or visit the USDA Web site www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/.

International Animal Movement (including Mexico and Canada)

When moving animals into or out of the country, please contact the USDA at (916) 854-3950 or visit: www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie.

For additional information on moving livestock into California contact:

CA Department of Food & Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services
Animal Health Branch
1220 N Street, Room A-107
Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 654-1447 Headquarters
(916) 651-6278 Permit Line
(916) 653-2215 Fax
Web site: www.cdfa.ca.gov

Animal Health Branch District Offices:

Redding	(530) 225-2140
Modesto	(209) 491-9350
Tulare	(559) 685-3500
Ontario	(909) 947-4462

For information on shipping non-domestic and restricted species contact:

CA Department of Fish and Game
License and Revenue Branch
1740 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 928-5845 Telephone
(916) 429-7586 Fax
Web site: www.dfg.ca.gov

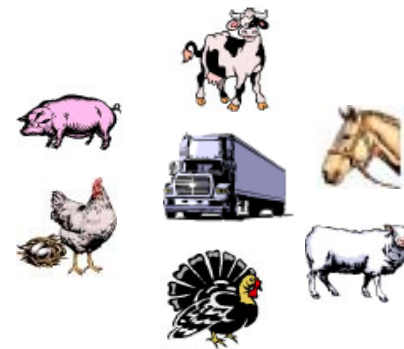
For information on interstate and international animal movement contact:

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
Veterinary Services
10365 Old Placerville Road, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95827
(916) 854-3950 Telephone
(877) 741-3690 Toll Free
1-800-545-USDA Voice Response System
Web site: www.aphis.usda.gov



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